



Our mission is to attract, retain, and grow business and jobs in the Long Prairie Area.

## Agenda

### **LPEDA Meeting Agenda: 4:30 PM, January 19, 2022**

Zoom or in person meeting @ City Hall

**Current Executive Board Members:** President– Lauren Hebert, VP– Terri Jo Peery, Secretary– Mary Schmidt

**Board Members:** Dallas Nelson, David Wright, Bob Klick

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Review/Approve Meeting Minutes of December 2021**
5. **Financial Report - balance**
6. **Old business**
  - a. Update on Downtown Building vacancies, architectural plans & **DEED Main Street Revitalization Grant** – report from Don Hickman Vice President for Community & Workforce Development
  - b. Prairie Foods building – on hold
  - c. Moving forward- other ideas- Ice Rink
  - d. Update on Childcare- Rick
7. **New business**
  - a. Ad & Article in the IQ magazine: SW Industrial Park & *Reinvent & Renew*  
**Check out page 12 & 43 of the IQ magazine:**  
<https://www.ifound.org/initiative-quarterly/current-issue/>
  - b. TCDC request for partnership renewal
  - c. Revisit list of goals and accomplishments
8. **Next meeting Date and Time February 16, 2021 4:30 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.)**
9. **Other - By-laws - additions etc. next month**
10. **Adjourn**

### 2020 LPEDA Goals accomplished

- ✓ City/EDA website with Golden Shovel- launched in July 2020.
- ✓ Initiative Foundation Child Care Solutions grant matching funds & disbursement of \$11,500 end of July.

### 2021 LPEDA Goals accomplished

- ✓ Revise by-laws, establish mission and stabilize group membership.
- ✓ Advertised for the Southwest Industrial park and an article was written about it
  - IQ magazine ad - 3 x
  - Golden Shovel article- SOUTHWEST INDUSTRIAL PARK PATIENTLY AWAITS SUITORS:  
<https://www.longprairie.net/news/p/item/33419/southwest-industrial-park-patiently-awaits-suitors>  
[www.longprairie.org](http://www.longprairie.org)
  - Chamber & FB page shared article
- ✓ Creating a comprehensive list of available buildings/business real estate - posting it on LOIS
- ✓ Initiative Foundation Child Care Solutions grant - \$10,000 - \$5,000 grant for Trinity Learning Center's Infant care room/s & \$2,500 for Jill Hanson at LPGE - Work based learning certification in order to continue with a CDA program and work program
- ✓ Nonprofit Board Basics Workshop (virtual) attended by board members: Mary S, Bob K, Terri Jo P and Lu on November 18, 2021 - sponsored by Sourcewell & Initiative Foundation

### 2021 LPEDA Goals for the LPEDA - Future Goals, projects and Ideas

- ✓ ONGOING- Promote & Advertise for the Southwest Industrial park on Chamber FB page and other sources
- ✓ ONGOING- Continue keeping comprehensive list of available buildings/business real estate - posting it on LOIS
- ✓ ONGOING- Initiative Foundation Child Care Solutions grant allocation and continuing to partner with various businesses in finding solutions to Day Care issues.
- ✓ **Prairie Foods building – planning and researching best use of the building**
- ✓ **DEED Main Street Revitalization Grant : includes “Main Street Corridor”**
  - Projects for LPEDA:
    - Welcome signs, seasonal décor- see page 3-10 on Long Prairie Projects Powerpoint
    - Downtown Vision Plan and short-term priorities that can be accomplished with little effort
    - New businesses and housing options in town

- Bike trail – Lu shared google drive document folder – see link below  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1q5iFNsAsCyxYu670IP8OSWTyBwDMclqw?usp=sharing>
- Safe Routes to Schools- Safer streets- see email attachment
- Vitality of community, good schools, parks and recreation and opportunities for spouse. Click on link for project possibilities:  
[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xOrrbQdIPUSmyK2uybrLpsjFrds\\_k9vtVRVhUSgBobY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xOrrbQdIPUSmyK2uybrLpsjFrds_k9vtVRVhUSgBobY/edit?usp=sharing)
- Comprehensive Plan updates
- Hiring a FT EDA director. May not be an option for 5 years due to debts that must be paid off.